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8	118,480	23(Sunday).	119,360
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Total for	the month		3,544,830

Less all copies spoiled in printing, left over or filed...... 92,634 Average daily distribution.... 115,073 And said W. B. Carr further says that the number f copies returned and reported unsold during the month

of November was 6.77 per cent. W. B. CARR. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of

I F FARISH. Notary Public, City of St. Louis, M2. My term expires April 25, 1905.

WORLD'S-1904-FAIR.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY.

prosperity of St. Louis. What is more important, it is significant of the permanency of improvements made and in prospect. The annual report of the Assistant Secretary of the Real Estate Exchange shows, above all, that the progress of the city is safe and normal, and that judicious investments are made certain of profit by the increasing demands for good realty for various purposes.

St. Louis has not experienced a boom; nor is a boom desired. Merchants, investors and the public are a unit in the hope that the city will not be visited by a boom. Conditions give promise of fulfillment of this expectation, as the recorded advancement is clearly in conformity to actual demands. Realty purchases and investments were more or less sudden in their growth, but this does not suggest a boom be cause the steady growth of commercial and manufacturing interests had made advancement necessary. Reliable men, competent of discerning conditions predicted this healthy improvement in real estate conditions. The renaissance had long impended.

This report draws attention to the substantial nature of the city's progress. It notes the large increase in transfers from an aggregate of \$34,265,480 in 1901 to \$44,516,974 in 1964, but says the increase was not only not a surprise but was not quite as large as was anticipated. It states that existing material conditions warrant still larger increase.

Purchases and investments in 1902 have been made for manufacturing, mercantile, home and railroad purposes; all of which denote bona fide and enduring progress. Demands of homeseckers were greater than ever, and were met to a large extent but they are becoming larger. Particular attention is drawn in the report to the improvements in manu facturing and mercantile conditions, which compelled the railroad companies to invest millions of dollars in land in order to augment switching facilities in commercial and manufacturing districts. All of these facts demonstrate that the prosperity is normal, and in no way inflative, and progress will continue in the same safe, permanent manner.

St. Louis has entered on a new era, which is felt in all spheres of activity. It is an era of solid advancement, resulting not from the World's Fair, but from true prosperity. Conditions in this city and in tributary territory are better, in consequence of expected and necessary improvement. Real estate activity is only a reflex of natural prosperity in commerce and manufacture. The prosperity is real.

SIMPLY SOLVED.

There is no time like the present for the St. Louis street rallways to demonstrate their ability-or their accepted he would resign. willingness, as the case may be-to provide proper accommodations for crowds.

Transportation facilities are unquestionably inadequate at the present time. From the public's standpoint the needs are great. From the railways' Mr. Ruckstuhl's friends regretted the termination; standpoint provisions are ample. A tremendous difference of opinion requires adjustment.

No very intricate problems enter into the difference. To the people who ride on street cars the ques- place a cog, then relentlessly resumes. tion is exceedingly simple. And it would seem that the man who rides is competent to answer it; more the management; his suggestions were heeded, his decars. Morning and night a vast proportion of the mands respectfully considered. The management observe no time schedule; is compelled to stand, them before Messrs. Ward, St. Gaudens and French. They would have selected Chicago as a place of residence, packed with others in aisles, thankful for a handting-of-war and a tragedy. More cars-nothing but the lines.

more cars will relieve the congestion.

is woeful.

There are enough streets, enough rails, enough genius without jealousy never. way treasuries to buy them.

The question with the companies should be, not ling's "Ship That Found Herself." how to manipulate a fixed factor, the public, with Between the lines is found a desire arbitrarily to greatest present profit to themselves, but how prop- rule and dispose, a dictatorial tendency in Mr. Ruckerly to serve a long-suffering, a more than indulgent stuhl that antagonized superior forces. It meant public whose interests eventually will prove to be soon or late a crucial test; and the test came. those of the companies who serve it well.

ELECTION LAW ISSUE.

Twenty-two or twenty-eight pages. 2 cents into consideration, there was good reason to doubt. The Ruckstuld incident, better than anything else, whether the Republican machine really desired affords an insight to the constitution, so to speak, or amendments.

Straws circulating in the atmosphere give indication that the Republican machine, routed by the prompt and purposeful action of the Jefferson Club, Vol. 95......No. 183 public, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of that the campaign for improvements is a partisan matter should have a great influence on the comissue, they are welcome to the opinion and also to the panies to whom appeals will again be made, consequences.

next. He is chairman of the special committee ap- ably could not have been prevented, as the roads pointed by the Jefferson Club. The Republican City were constructed along these rights-of-way before Central Committee, at its last meeting, when the the district gave evidence of its future importance as election law was discussed, adopted a resolution in a place of dwelling. However, it is not too late to which the Mayor's name was mentioned. In their get rid of the tracks by burying them, wherever tundiscomfiture the Republicans may call upon him to neling is practicable, and raising them on elevated cover up their political sins by insisting upon an unpartisan commission, which they did not desire a

The Republicans could carry out what they might consider a clever political ruse by asking the Mayor, as Mayor, to demand of the Governor that the Republican City Committee be a part of the programme. Such a request of the Mayor, from Republicans, the Republican machine is not striving for political capital, but is ardently anxious for amendments. Furthermore, they might assume that the Mayor would, if he should refuse or ignore the request, be placed in a position as opposed to proper deliberation.

While seeming to be nonpolitical and nonpartisan such action would be flagrantly partisan. It would be, to use a colloquial phrase, "a grand-stand play." Under present circumstances, and in view of the

insolence of such an appeal, Mayor Wells, as chairman of a committee charged with a special duty, could be excused from dragging in the Mayoralty and the Governorship to please perplexed Republican politicians.

Legislature by asserting that the law would be Democratic party by blaming all election crimes on Democrats and maintaining a hypocritical silence concerning wholesale violations which characterized Republican primaries. They would not admit that Republican judges and clerks had violated the party's trust. They said the Democrats had framed the existing general election statute in order to steal elections. They declared that assistance of the Democrats was not needed to have the law improved.

While they were engaged in their political schemes the Jefferson Club met and appointed a representative committee to consider the law and suggest amendments. This committee is of such high character that it is eminently qualified to act as intermediary between the Legislature and the unpartisan element of citizenship. There is no reason why the Democrats should turn credit over to Republican politicians. Let the Republican managers declare what amendments they will accept and indorse With late allegations of the Republican machine in mind, it is plain that the Democrats should insist upon this declaration. The Republicans did not desire a nonpartisan commission a short time ago. Mayor Wells can suggest to the Republicans, in case they should ask him to address the Governor, to treat with the unpartisan committee, of which he is chairman.

BETWEEN THE LINES.

Sculptor Ruckstuhl's resignation and the causes which led to it, as explained by himself, emphasize the fact of thorough organization in World's Fair work; though obviously it is not the artist's intent to reflect such credit. Those who can read between the lines of his criticism are expected to reach a most unflattering conclusion. But a careful reading discloses rather that Mr. Ruckstuhl's artistic temperament chafed under the restraint of perfect organization. To him, rather than to the management, must fault, if any, be attributed.

It is not true that individuality has no place in organization; it is the life of organized work. But in- Juage. dividuality, like a part of a theme in marble, must be ground, subdued and fitted to its place in the unit; otherwise it is as fatal to results as to harmony.

Mr. Ruckstuhl entered into a centract with the Exposition management which gave either party the right to quit at will. He, like every other official and workman, was an employe of the Directorate. He was but a part in a system. He found difficulty in subordinating his individuality to the strength of the whole. He grew dissatisfied with his position and his contract, drew up a new contract and sent it to the President peremptorily, stating that unless it be

In this day and age such demands are coolly met-Mr. Ruckstuhl was informed that his resignation would be acceptable. The denouement was thoroughly businesslike and in accord with his contract. but Mr. Ruckstuhl's gap was promptly filled. The great organization ground on as before like a tremendous mechanism which pauses momentarily to re-

Every courtesy was shown to Mr. Ruckstuhl by population is compelled to endure the blasts or rains went so far in several instances as to "arbitrate," as of winter, waiting on street corners for cars which it were, some of the differences that arose, laying

strap, to fight against suffocation inside, or to strug- the contract. His statement is but a recital of his gle for standing room on exposed platforms. Some personal feelings and a series of innuendoes and inof the passengers sit, but the greater number, during sinuations. It is not characterized by candor and the busy hours of night and morning, find riding a frankness-he invites those who will to read between

Between the lines one finds the jealousy of the There are enough cars, the companies are under- artist. Allowance should, of course, be made for the interest in the woman's world.

stood to say. To this the tens of thousands of men, artistic temperament. Since the days of Raphael and women and children who daily cling to straps have Michael Angelo, between whom keen rivalry existed, an all-sufficient answer. In the interim there are perhaps as a stimulating example to posterity, genius enough cars, but at morning and night the deficiency and jealousy have been almost synonymous. True, jealousy has frequently existed without genius, but

electricity, enough men to equip cars, enough people Between the lines one finds on the individual's who manufacture them-enough money in the rail- part unreasonable rebellion against authority, like the screaming of a vessel's refractory piece in Kip-

But most of all one sees between the lines the The companies are dependent upon the public in strength and perfect system of the Exposition man-in any part, a powerful united force and thorough By way of emphasis it must again be said that the organization insusceptible of derangement. The Exrepresentative committee chosen by the Jefferson position is both a national and a St. Louis undertak-Club to consider the existing election statute is well ing. It is a giant project which method alone could qualified for the duties outlined. Once more it must accomplish. St. Louis has gone about the task calmbe said that the Jefferson Club was as fit to take the | ly and deliberately, nothing daunted by its monster initiative for improvement to the law as was the dis- proportions. We shall achieve the end easily and gruntled and complaining Republican City Central gracefully, because of superior method and careful Committee, whose partisan animosity made it incom- arrangement partaking of wise conservatism and petent to see any good whatever in an organization foresight, which characterize all St. Louis's under-

organic strength of the operating forces.

UNDERGROUND TRACKS.

Revival of the plans for disposing of railroads that will persist in its plan to make the election law a run through West End residence districts gives aspolitical issue. Not much glory or capital was gar- surance that owners of property will not be satisfied nered by that machine in its recent contriving at ef- until a change for the better is made. It also exfeet, and it should have learned a severe lesson in hibits an increasing interest in the aesthetic. The good behavior. If its managers are still convinced public spirit and private enterprise displayed in this

It is regrettable that tracks were allowed in the Probably Mayor Wells will be the object of attack residence section of the city, but this condition probstructures at other points. Some cost will be entailed, but the improvement in every manner justifies the expense.

Surface tracks are not desirable in residence districts, especially not in the most beautiful part of the city, adjacent to Forest Park. Reasons against surface tracks and grade crossings are too many and too obvious to require reiteration. Perhaps the chief would have a tendency to convey the impression that reason against plans proposed for changing the tracks is economy. On the other hand, equally good reasons, as to economy, might be offered in favor of the plans.

> The railroad companies are urged to comply with requests submitted by citizens and property owners through the Civic Improvement League. Property owners have important interests at stake, but the interests of the city and of the public are equally important. The plans are not new and they have been considered before and were generally approved. Their resubmission should add emphasis in their favor.

Having discovered all there is to know about what These Republican politicians insulted the State ship, will the vulpine Globe now get out of its system text and story to be found in a Shakespeare text and story to be found in a Shakespeare the Democracy thinks of the United States Senator-An increase of more than \$10,000,000 in the aggregate of 1901, is an index of the growing down the Legislature's throat. They insulted the that opinion of one Colonel R. C. Kerens which it has tragedy. Then think of this play done for prejudice. Globe for Kerens as spoilsman-in-chief and nominee of the Republican senatorial caucus?

RECENT COMMENT.

What the West Has Given.

Atlantic Monthly. She gave us Andrew Jackson, that flerce Tennessee spirit who broke down the traditions of conservative rule, swept away the privacles and privileges of officialdom, and, like a Gothic leader, opened the temple of the nation to the populace. She gave us Abraham Lincoln, whose gaunt frontier form and gnaried, massive hand told of the conflict with the forest, whose grasp on the ax handle of the pioneer was no firmer than his grasp of the helm of the ship of state as it breasted the was of Civil War. She gave us the tragedy of the pioneer farmer as he marched daringly on to the conquest of the arid lands, and met tions of head, hands and arms, but he won't his first defeat by forces too strong to be dealt with under the old conditions. She has furnished to this new democracy her stores of mineral wealth, that dwarf those of the Old World, and her provinces that in themselves are vaster and more productive than most of the nations of Europe. Out of ner bounty has come a nation whose industrial competition alarms the Old World, and the masters of whose resources wield wealth and power vaster than the wealth and power of kings. Best of all, the West gave, not only to the American, but to the unhappy and oppressed of all lands, a vision of hope, an assurance that the world held a place where were to be found high faith in man and the will and power to furnish him the opportunity to grow to the full measure of his own ca- from Duse.

Better Than Arbitration.

January Century. Better than arbitration-wise and necessary as that may be at times-better than arbitration, especially than enforced arbitration, is mutual acquaintance, respect, contained when there is totally absent, on either side, a spirit of human sympathy. The other day we asked a highly successful manufacturer how it was that he had got along so well, and for so many years, with his great crowd of employes and their labor union allies. "We beat them," he said, "with kindness."

Temple, who used to put spirit into the Music Hall opera, in the midst of a re-

A Fable.

Once upon a time there was a young Boston poet who insisted upon hawking his wares without taking out a poetic license. For this, and because his feet did not con-form to the standard of weights and measures main- when the book of the play and the traditained at the public library, he was conducted interiorlythat is to say, run in-by the Boston police. Moral-Any one can write poetry if he's hungry enough, but it takes genius to get it published.

Youth Not the Best.

Atlantic Monthly. parage something still better. Youth is action, glorious, unrestrained, yet also undirected, contingent. Manhood is action to a higher degree. Youth is beautiful, but imperfect, not immoral, but unmoral. In youth inheres only overlooked as being unessential, the possibility of fearlessness in the literal sense of the word; in manhood alone lie the infinite possibilities of

Fair Warning.

Chicago Tribune. The voice at the telephone was a roar, "Hello, central!"

"Hello!" replied the soft voice. "Give me Main 99,999. And, say, central, he's the agent of this flat I'm living in. I'm going to ask him what's the reason we don't get any steam heat. Please take your ear away from the 'phone while I'm talking to him."

Demand Alrendy Supplied.

Chicago Chronicie. Nine thousand Boers are coming to this country with the intention of settling in New Mexico and Colorado. and it is in this form of her art that she Nowhere does Mr. Ruckstuhl charge a violation of but realized that they could not compete with the bores

. Of Interest to Women. Buffalo Evening Times.

Calamity Jane howling in the West, Mrs. Langtry's arrival in New York and the rumor that the disappearing Princess may come over and visit, are the latest items of

DUSE AS FRANCESCA IS CALMLY STUDIOUS.



AN IMPRESSION OF MME. ELEANORA DUSE.

Century Theater last night.

a French critic, who Duse's performance in Paris, said that she possessed qualities that were undeniably appealing, but that the end of her performance (the play was and her hearers experiencing a sensation of incompleteness.

She had acted Marguerite Gautier in an altogether artistic manner, with the phrasing and the pauses and the gestures as convention of the best sort demanded, but in the scenes in which Bernhardt had left a definite memory, that of Camille and Duval pere, for example, Duse was merely a careful elocutionist. Reading this observation of a partisan Frenchman one was brought to think that an honest prejudice was at work. Last night's audience will think. however, much as the critic of Camille thought. He will recall the distinctly individual voice, the studiously correct posiremember a single thrill.

Naturally, in his comparisons, he will go back to Bernhardt, playing the same class of drama in a language almost equally strange, and he will be sorry that it was not the wonderful French woman who played last night.

There are several places in D'Annunzio's version of Francesca at which there is excuse for violent emotion on the part of the chief actress—the sort of thing we have applauded not only in Bernhardt, but in Nethersole and half a dozen actresses of smaller importance. It seemed that the next minute would bring something of this Unemotional auditors gripped the sides of

their chairs and wondered why the great lady from Italy did nothing, why she failed to raise her voice or walk a bit faster o w the air moderately after the manner of the accepted players of roles such as Francesca. The Duse partisan will say, in all probability, that the music of D'Annunzic's lines will admit of no such interpretation, but agitation such as Francesca's needs no such music, and if that is the difficulty, then it serves as a hindrance to effective inter-

It would be a delight to see Edward P. hearsal with Madame Duse and her com-There were twenty occasions last night where the entire grouping on the stage was as sleepy as the audience in contributing the only activity to be ob tions of the theater demanded some form of movement, turned away from her audience or got into a scat where she completed a pretty picture in dark greens and rowns and deep reds.

Once or twice in each act, notably the second, the men who bore pikes and hal-berds, crossbows and the like, arms of the Thirteenth Century, stormed about enough to bring one to the point of expectancy, but a second later there was nothing doing "Business" that would thrill as a Belasco blt of a scene from "Secret Service" was

It is probably entirely safe to say that all who saw Mme, Duse last night for the first time were a bit astonished at her first appearance. Most of the pictures of this intense and quiet actress give an impression of meager frame and suggested weakness When she came down the long flight of steps, accompanied by her play-sister, she other notable now in mind. When she spoke it was with a full, almost wiry voice, penetrating and in a sense appealing. Her hair, done about a face that seemed to be full and round, was reddish and tightly braided. In the acts that followed we had the Duse whom we have learned to know by photograph, bearing strong resemblance to the sketch at the top of this column. She seemed years older than the other Duse.

Her face tells a story, but we are sure that a truthful picture would admit the voice and the movements of the body. The American audience that saw the eminent Italian last night would be glad to see her version of Juliet or Camillo, played in the intense manner that seems to be her the detail of the language employed, might do as well, but unfamiliarity with both language and spirit is death to the most inguage and spirit is death to the most inMiss Wilhelmina Busch sat in a box with dulgent consideration-and it was that that friends in the left tier.

Imagine a play with the complications of | baffled an audience that went to see the famous Duse equipped with a favor

The Columbia Theater provides one of the folliest and least disturbing entertainments of the week. It is "straight vaudeville"with lots of numbers to select from, Brave folks climb aloft and force you to look skywards at their gyrations. Some of the funny men are really funny. Ned Wayburn's Jockey Girls are crowded on like naladi and graces: Harry Le Clair offers his excellent farcical impersonations. And there are others. Jimmie Barry and his wife appear one of the substantial playlets of the

programme "A Skin Game." It is called. Barry is as a country "Aleck"; one of the ward but well-meaning chaps that whittle away rural railway depots for pastime Barry contributes her part gavety by appearing as a well-to-do matron who wants to hire a good boy. She and Aleck try to come to terms and their conversation is the spice of the skit.

Eugene O'Rourke presents "Parlor A." with the assistance of Nellie Ellting. O'Rourke is amusing, but he has worn out this sketch. Even a good thing needs a rest. Perhaps some kind friend will get onfidential with the clever comedian and

The Rianos give an original acrobatic specialty in which two men get a number of laughs by capering about as apes. Here I am nearly at an end and scarcely a word out the frisky Jockey Girls. Theirs is a beauty act. Olga von Hatzfeldt is the center of a whole crowd of pretty maids. There are dancers young and fair, lissome svelte, gorgeous and scinilliant. The lights, flowers and music give the sumptuous effect that is absolutely necessary to make the scene a delight. All you have to do is to | o present.

PROMINENT PERSONS SEE DUSE ON HER INITIAL APPEARANCE.

Many of the fashionable people of town filled parquet seats, and the women were,

generally speaking, in light gowns. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gardner entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawes in a right box. Mrs. Gardner wore white lace, and Mrs.

James McBride, Tenth and Monroe

Hawes was in gray, with a white hat. Doctor and Mrs. M. P. Morrell sat next
Mr. and Mrs. Jones, in the extreme right.
Signor Guido Parisi and Mme. Parisi had
paronel seats.

McKay, George Bulkley, Joseph Mc-Mr. and Mrs. August Busch gave a box
Mr. and Mrs. August Busch gave a box

J. H. Bodine, A. E. Glenny,

J. H. Eckelman and W. C. Wolwith Mrs. Adolphus Busch and J. H. Magnus of Chicago among their kewitz.

Mrs. David Calhoun wore white silk and lace, beautifully blended, with a haif coronet of pale pink blossoms in her hair.

Doctor and Mrs. Harvey Mudd had a box with friends, and Mr. Tom Collins was a guest in one of the left boxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleyre Garneau and Mrs. and Mrs. Pierre Garneau and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Garage.
Worman Jones were in front seats. Both ladies were white.

Miss Rita Maxon and Miss Frances Alli-

n, with their escorts, were in the same left parquet, Mrs. Jones wearing Mr. and Mrs. William Victor Jones were Colonel and Mrs. Ernest Peugust had aisle from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boeck-

Miss Ella Cochran and her escert sat next the Green party, with Mr. and Mrs. J. Ba-rada Widen behind them. Mrs. Widen wore ecru iace, with touches of turquoise, blue velvet and some handsome jewels.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Markham were
across the asile from Mr. and Mrs. L. Bertram Cady. Mrs. Cady wore white taffeta

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller had central r. and Mrs. Byron Babbitt were near Markhams, Mrs. Babbitt in ecru and pale blue. Frank J. Bergs brought Miss Bell.

Prank J. Bergs brought alies Hell.
Doctor Bernays and Miss Tekla Bernays
had friends with them.
Mr. and Mrs. Dun Nugent had a party of
friends with them, Miss Casey among the
number. Mrs. Nugent wore pale blue slik
with cards.

with corals.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Elliott were next to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sultan and Doctor and Mrs. Leland Boogher. Mrs. Elliott were deep eeru satin.

Miss Sultan was in cream volle and Mrs. Boogher in white.

Alfred Robyn brought Miss Elma Rumsey.

• the Turkish frontier questions. H++++++++++++

RATES FOR CALL LOANS GO AS HIGH AS 15 PER CENT.

Brokers Look in Vain for Action by Bankers' Blg Pool-Time Money Little Changed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 29.-Call money ran up to 5 per cent to-day as a result of the heavy nling of loans and shifting of accounts indental to the heavy January disburse-

The advance in the rate was fully ex-pected and was fully foreshadowed by the rate at which stocks were borrowed in the loan crowd on Saturday. Call money opened at 19 per cent and advanced almost opened at 10 per cent and 30 values, and immediately to 12 and 13 per cent. It touched 15 per cent in the forenoon and sgain shortly before the closing.

The final loan was made at 6 per cent, but this was after all wants were supplied. The riling flaure was 12 per cent, and most harkers thought that rates would advance.

ankers thought that rates were higher to-morrow.

Wany brokers blocked for the beginning of action upon the part of the \$50,000,00 money poul when the call money rates touched 15 per cent, but the pool made no loans in that market and apparently did not consider the emergency cofficiently great to warrant the emergency cofficiently great to warrant the

market and apparently did not consider the emergency cufficiently great to warrant the commencement of operations.

Stock piece sugged off with the higher rates of money, but it was thought doubtful if money rates had as much to do with this an the report of labor troubles with some of the Western railroads.

Time money was practically unchanged during the day. The market was 5 per cent firm bid for sixty and miety day loans and bit per cent but for four, five and six mouths. Six months' money was offered by foreign brinking houses at \$\text{3}\$, per cent. foreign benking houses at 34 per cent.

MAY SUE IN FEDERAL COURT. Judge Philips Renders Decision as

to Foreign Corporations. Kansus City, Mo., Dec. 29—Judge John F. Philips of the United States District Court here to-day held that a fireign corporation has a right to sue in the Federal Court for in injunction.
The Petail Clerks' Union and the Tailors' Union had declared a boycott against the Schull & Jelly Farnishing Goods Company because that firm kept its store open after 6 octock and caused pickets to patrol the sidewalk in front of its place of business. Court as a foreign corporation. The unions filed a plea setting up that the court had no jurisdiction and that the firm was not a

sona-fide corporation.

Judge Philips does not pass upon the in-unction feature, but holds simply that such a question as to whether a corporation ex-ists can be raised only by the State grant-ing the charter to the company. The unions ing the charter to the company. The unions probably will appeal to the Supreme Court.

TOOK POISON BEFORE MOTHER.

Evansville Girl Ended Her Life After a Quarrel.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 29.—Carrie Wachsmuth, aged 27 years and single, took rough on rats this morning and died to-night. She ook the poison in the presence of her mothtook the poison in the presence of her inch-er, with whom she quarreled.

The girl had made two unsuccessful at-tempts at suicide. Her father, who has been dead several years, was at one time a prom-inent merchant of this city.

ST. LOUIS INCLUDED IN TRIP. President Schurman Leaves Ithaca

on Western Tour. Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 29.—President Jacobs Gould Schurman left Ithaca to-night for an extended Western trip. He will visit several of the larger cities and will speak on political and educational topics.

The cities where he is already scheduled to speak include Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and Lincoln, Neb. President Schurman will speak in Lincoln Thursday on "Ous Philippine Problem."

MRS. CHARLES E. GIBSON DEAD. Wife of St. Louisan Passes Away

in Burlington. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Burlington, Ia., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Mary Par-ker Gibson, wife of Charles E. Gibson of St. Louis, died at the home of her mother, Mrs.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

TO-DAY IN ST. LOUIS. : From The Republic, December 31, 1577. Plans were drawn for the first Waterworks system in East St. Louis, and the company was incorporated by Mortimer Millard, Adolphus Liv-

 ingston and P. H. O'Brien. A recapitulation of the year's howl-• ing showed that H. C. Petering held • the record in the Western Tenpin · Club, Other players who made high scores were A. Rauscher, J. Kaeser, 4 L. C. A. Koenig, J. H. Woehrmann, Henry Rauth, Charles Miller, Jacob Stumpf, Charles Fischer, William Wetzler and A. Kaufman.

Of the 115 real estate agents, only sixty-seven had taken out a special · license, the payment of which was ♦ contested. This license tax was \$200 € · a year. August Gast of No. 219 Locust

street received a finely carved chair • from his employes as a Christmas Zero Marx introduced a German custom in his establishment of giving .

a festival in honor of the boy appren-

• tices who were promoted to the rank of workman. Jeremiah Dockstadtler of Durham, · Peckham & Co. received a handsome · gold chain from the employes. Jerry O'Leary, 10 years old, was

· reported missing from the home of ·

Court Hope of the West Lodge • elected as officers R. W. Waters, • · George A. Durgin, Z. E. Gunn, J.

. C. Dodson, E. F. Grapevine, David . Hughes, John J. Håre and J. N. Gil- ● • bert. The Republic gave a list of more • than 500 society persons who would •

• keep open house for their friends on • Centralia Lodge, Knights of Honor. • elected as officers J. P. Kivits, E. • O Estep. A. Miller, E. F. Schultz, H. Obership, John Willman, C. Gundel-

• finger, A. C. Appler, A. Risert and • . C. Olsen. eler.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gettys and Mr. and
Mrs. Wells of Kansas City sat together.
Miss Kennard and her escort were behind
Judge and Mrs. Wilbur F. Boyle.
Mr. and Mrs. James Green and Mr. and
Mrs. Walter Duke Thompson were in central seek.

A special holiday service was held • • at the House of Refuge under the di-• rection of Superintendent John D. Schaeffer and John E. Cowan of the ♦ Board of Managers, assisted by Ed- ♦ ward Engler, the Reverend B. E. • Reed, N. W. Hunt, the Reverend B. . · C. Betts, E. Kline and the Reverend

J. V. Schofield. Master Shelton Stringer of No. 704 Pine street, while playing with an • old pistol that was not supposed to have been loaded, accidentally shot . his companion, Henry Shenkel, • through the neck, inflicting only a • flesh wound.

A small fire occurred in John Bor-· denlure's building on Walnut, be- · tween Third and Fourth streets Considerable discussion was heard • as to the possibility of war between . England and Russia. Sharp notes • ♦ had been exchanged, growing out of ♦